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- 1. The Yugoslav Alpine Union is pushing the formation of new local alpine societies for purely paramilitary ends. At a recent inauguration of an alpine refuge in the Rijeka area of Yugoslavia, over 500 persons representing various alpine societies met under the joint chairmanship of Ernesto Tomsic, and a certain Zvornik, President of the Union of Rijeka Alpinists. The following individuals represented their organizations at the meeting:
 - a. Jovanovic, President of the Croat Alpine Union;
 - b. Mrzli, President of the Slovene Alpine Union;
 - c. Micheluzzi, President of the Trieste Italo-Slovene Alpine Union;
 - d. Lipoveak, President of the Zagreb Alpine Union;
 - e. Karadza, President of the Bosmian Alpine Union; and
 - f. Engel, Joza, President of the Yugoslav Alpine Union.
- During the meeting, Engel gave an address on the functions of Yugoslav alpinists in case of war and emphasized their usefulness in guerrilla warfare. Some of the delegates came to the meeting armed.

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